

## CHARLESTOWN HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 28 February, 2012 7:00 pm  
Bakery Building, Main Street, Charlestown, NH

Present: Wesley Van Velsor, Joyce Higgins, Terry Spilsbury, Eric Lutz, Carol Clark, alternate Sue Richardson

Absent: Barbara Jones

The Charlestown Heritage Commission was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairperson Terry Spilsbury. Sue was seated as alternate in the absence of Barbara.

1. Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes for the 24 January, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Wes, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Eric said that there was nothing new to report regarding the financial status of the Commission. He has not received any bills or made any payments since our last meeting.
3. Terry submitted a write-up to Jessica for the Town Report. Terry was at the Town deliberative session to answer any questions.

The Commission member appointments have gone to the Selectboard for their approval.

4.a. Joyce presented a list of items yet to be written by other individuals, along with a list of items that she will write, for the Third History. Several items from the list were given to the Heritage Commission members to pursue. Each one will let Joyce know the progress at the next meeting.

The Heritage Commission members asked Sue to be the chair for a new sub-committee of individuals whose assigned task is to review photographs for the Third History. This sub-committee consists of Sue, Eric, and Terry, with a couple of other non-Commission members' assistance. Photos may be gleaned from multiple sources, to include those held by the Charlestown Historical Society. Sue will work with select members of the Historical Society and return at the next Commission meeting to present a plan to search for and select usable photos.

5. Was said the bench maker is currently laid up physically, so progress has slowed down on bench production, but that he is working on drawings. The next two benches will probably be six feet in length. The Commission is confident that we should have enough money in the 2012 budget to purchase two to three benches this fiscal year.

The subject of the Bridge Street intersection beautification was brought up and it was suggested that this effort might be suitable for an Eagle Scout project. Terry gave a brief summary of Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout project criteria. This beautification was discussed, and the members felt it was perhaps a good fit for the Charlestown Tree

Committee to oversee. Terry will talk with the Tree Committee regarding this possible project for the Boy Scouts.

6. We were told that the town Hall committee is in a holding pattern at this time. They will meet after the referendum to make future plans, depending on the Warrant Article passing.

7. Terry sent an email to the Middle School English teacher to re-establish the Heritage Commission essay contest for 2012. Terry will send her the format and discuss timing of the essay and award presentation.

8. There is nothing new to report regarding an historic plaque for the Town Hall, but the possibility was added to also do a plaque for the Silsby Library and the North Charlestown Farwell School. Terry will pursue these efforts as time permits.

9. Eric stated that the Fort at #4 had another advisory meeting last week, and that they have set the renewing of as many roofs as possible this year as their number one priority. The Fort has enjoyed an impressive influx of volunteers.

10. Nothing to add regarding the cannon housing.

11. It was agreed to skip the April issue of Our Town for a submission, but we will likely include something for the May issue, and that it will be part of the business for the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

12. New business: It was suggested that at the next meeting we pursue what the town wants for footing and anchors for the new benches.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

The next Heritage Commission meeting is scheduled for 27 March, 2012 7:00 pm at the Bakery building.

Carol Clark, Secretary

Approved minutes